

REMARKS

The Examiner has required an election in the present application between:

Species I, the system disclosed in association with Figures 1-2J;

Species II, the system disclosed in association with Figures 3-4J; and

Species III, the system disclosed in association with Figures 5-6J.

**For the purpose of examination of the present application, Applicants elect Species I, the system disclosed in association with Figures 1-2J, without traverse.**

**Claims 1-4 and 6-9 are directed to the elected species. As acknowledged by the Examiner, at least claims 1 and 2 are generic.**

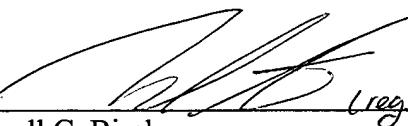
Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Maki Hatsumi, Registration No. 40,417 at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

- ☐ Attached is a Petition for Extension of Time.
- ☐ Attached hereto is the fee transmittal listing the required fees.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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Respectfully submitted,

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